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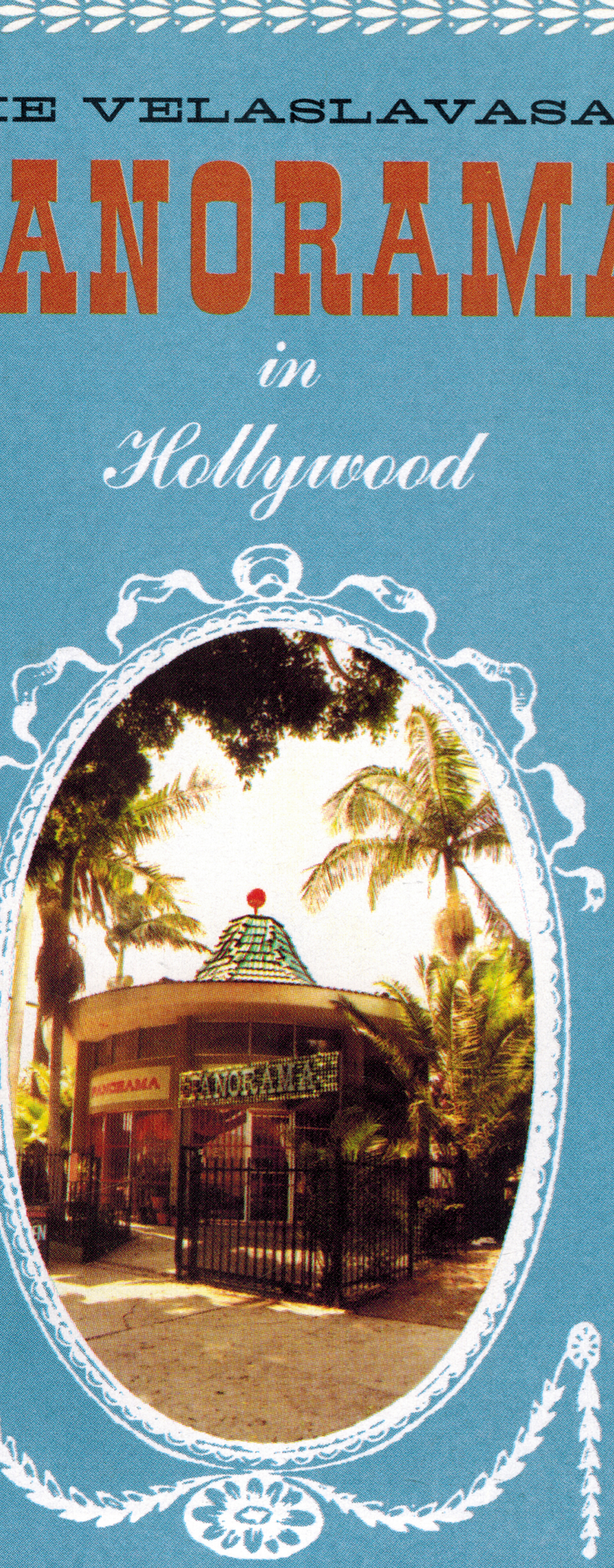

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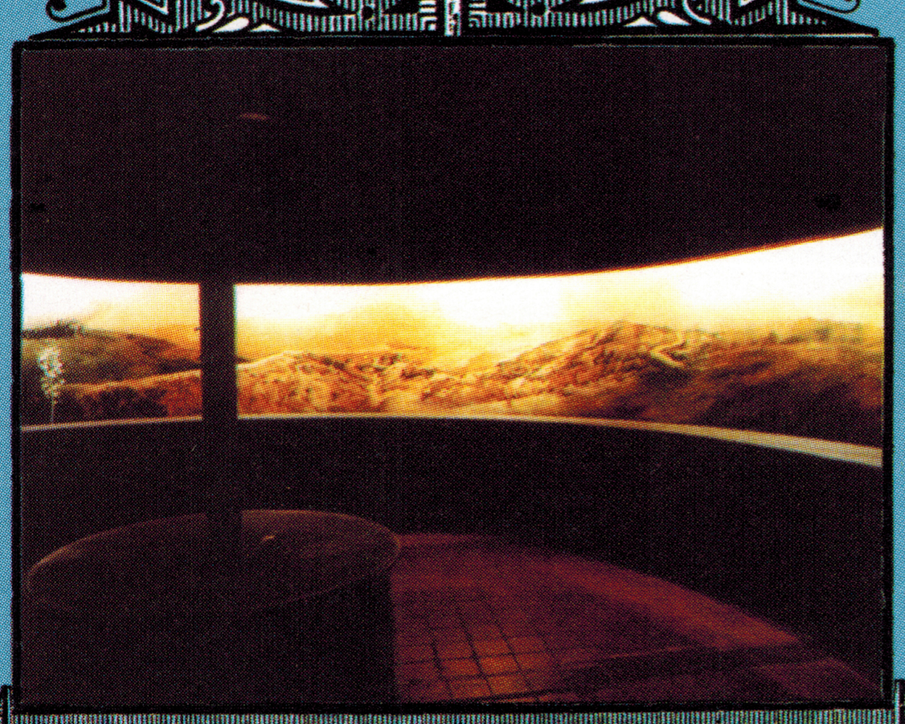
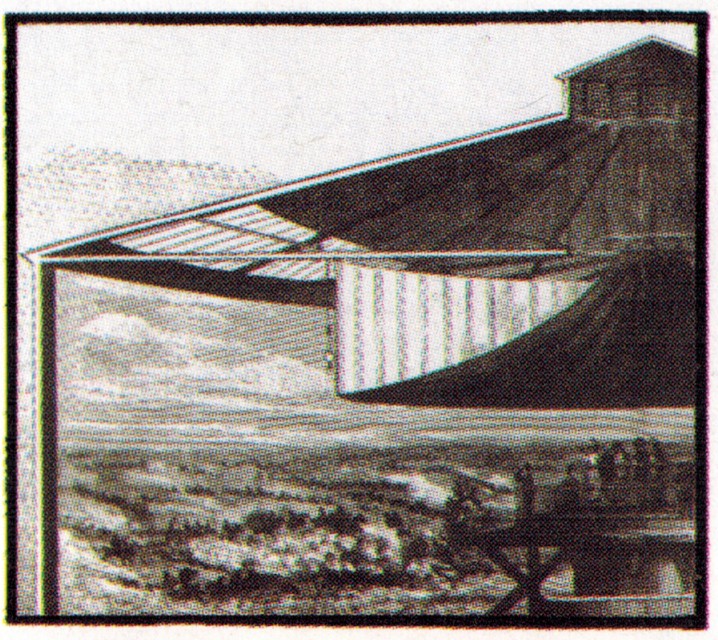


The Velaslavasay PANORAMA

In the tradition of the Great Panorama Paintings of the 19th Century, The Velaslavasay PANORAMA in Hollywood exists to present an experience reminiscent of this era to the public of Los Angeles and Beyond. Dedicated to the production of unusual visual experiences, the PANORAMA opened its doors to the masses in 2001. Pictured above is our inaugural exhibit - *The Panorama of the Valley of the Smokes*. Seen by many to be an old deserted landscape that emanates an unearthly feeling, in other eyes the landscape becomes a vision of what California's Southland might have looked like some 200 years ago.

Garden & Grounds

In an urban area of concrete expanse, The Velaslavasay PANORAMA Garden and Grounds offer an oasis of tropical feeling amongst a lush garden of trees and vines. The site of numerous events, sociables and festive soirées, the well-appointed grounds offer a calming pleasure for all who visit. Flora featured in the garden include a variety of aged palms, snow-white rose bushes, banana trees and a collection of fine succulents. The garden grounds is also home to *The Avian Alcove* - Hollywood's Only LIVING DIORAMA, featuring the feral tropical parrots of the Greater Los Angeles Area.



HISTORY

Historically speaking, the Panorama is an art form which encircles the spectator with an illusion of continuous space, often in a painted 360° format. Patented by Englishman Robert Barker in 1787, this spectacular visual entertainment flourished throughout the 19th Century, mostly in Europe and in the Eastern Region of The United States of America. The Panorama, Cyclorama, Diorama, Cosmorama and other multitudinous variations on the sensational venue were a popular place to spend leisure time and embark for imagined travels to unfamiliar and significant places in space and time. Pictured below as it existed in 1912 is a Rotunda in Moscow, Russia which housed the *Panorama of the Battle of Borodino*, created to commemorate the battle of the very same name.

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On the Tswuun-Tswuun Rotunda

Built in 1968 in the courtyard of a now non-existent 1913 brick Tenement House, the *Tswuun-Tswuun Rotunda* bears curious resemblance to the Great Panorama Rotundas of the 19th Century. Initially created to house a Chinese-Polynesian restaurant {*The Chu-Chu Chinese* - Mr. David Chu, proprietor}, throughout the years the *Tswuun-Tswuun Rotunda* has housed everything from a Korean BBQ, an Ice Cream Parlour, a Pizza Restaurant, a travel agency and an Armenian Bakery until finding its eventual use as a panoramic venue. The Velaslavasay PANORAMA is both proud and fortunate to find its home in Hollywood, California. On that Boulevard known for landmark venues such as The Cinerama Dome and the extravagant Egyptian and Chinese Theaters, we are pleased to exist and participate in a neighborhood known the world over for great spectacle and showmanship.

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